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Death toll climbs after earthquake in Iran-Iraq border area

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Red Crescent workers and other rescuers try to recover a victim's body from the rubble of a collapsed building in Pol-e Zahab, in Kermanshah province in western Iran. The number of deaths in the 7.3-magnitude earthquake that struck the Iran-Iraq border region on Sunday has exceeded 400, according to Iranian state media. **Story, A10**

GOP leaders press Moore to leave race

ALA. SENATE CANDIDATE REMAINS DEFIANT

Woman makes new accusation of sexual assault

BY SEAN SULLIVAN, ROBERT COSTA AND JENNA JOHNSON

Senate Republican leaders on Monday waged an urgent campaign to pressure GOP nominee Roy Moore to withdraw from the Alabama Senate race amid allegations of sexual misconduct, declaring him "unfit to serve" and threatening to expel him from Congress if he were elected.

But Moore showed no signs that he was preparing to step aside, even as another woman came forward, accusing him of sexually assaulting her in the late 1970s when she was 16 years old.

The fusillade from Senate Republicans started Monday morning in Louisville, where Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.) called on Moore to end his run.

"I believe the women, yes," he said of the allegations leveled against Moore.

Later, National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) issued a written statement going further. "If he refuses to withdraw and wins, the Senate should vote to expel him," Gardner said. He told reporters afterward that Moore "doesn't belong in the United States Senate."

The public comments from top Republican senators marked a dramatic escalation from their initial reactions to Thursday's

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Mexican traffickers making NYC a fentanyl hub

Record seizures of the deadly, highly lucrative drug show alarming trend

BY NICK MIROFF

NEW YORK — The middle-aged couple in the station wagon went shopping at a New Jersey Walmart on a warm night in August. They stopped for dinner at an IHOP on the way home. And when they arrived at their apartment building in a quiet residential section of Queens, the narcotics agents following them got a warrant to go inside.

They found several suitcases loaded with brick-shaped bundles of what appeared to be heroin. But lab tests determined that most of it — 141 pounds — was pure fentanyl, a synthetic and supremely dangerous opioid 50 times more powerful than heroin.

It was the largest fentanyl seizure in U.S. history. There was enough inside the apartment to kill 32 million people, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The married couple who were arrested, Rogelio Alvarado-Robles, 55, and Blanca Flores-Solis, 52, had no criminal record in the United States. They had flown to New York a few weeks earlier with Mexican passports. They had no weapons.

But they were drug cartel emissaries, investigators said, sent to broker the sale of tens of millions of dollars' worth of narcotics, like pharmaceutical executives on a business trip.

DEA agents say recent arrests reflect an emerging pattern, as Mexican trafficking groups attempt to turn New York City into their Northeast distribution hub. They operate with

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Sessions considering a second special counsel

GOP concerns, including over Clinton Foundation, would be the focus

BY MATT ZAPOTOSKY

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is entertaining the idea of appointing a second special counsel to investigate a host of Republican concerns — including alleged wrongdoing by the Clinton Foundation and the controversial sale of a uranium company to Russia — and has directed senior federal prosecutors to explore at least some of the matters and report back to him and his top deputy, according to a letter obtained by The Washington Post.

The revelation came in a response by the Justice Department to an inquiry from House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), who in July and again in September called for Sessions to appoint a second special counsel to investigate concerns he had related to the 2016 election and its aftermath.

The list of matters he wanted probed was wide ranging but included the FBI's handling of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state, various dealings of the Clinton Foundation and several matters connected to the purchase of the

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Gaddafi's cousin sees opening, plots comeback

Libyan dictator's 2011 death reversed fortunes of his family, allies

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

CAIRO — In an opulent apartment near the Nile River, the late Libyan dictator Moammar Gaddafi lives on.

A faded picture on one wall shows him as a young man lounging in a tent. In another, he's dressed in military uniform and seated in a plane.

Every week, a group of men who once supported him gather here to discuss Libya's future and their own fates. Presiding over the meetings in Cairo is Gaddafi's cousin, whose apartment this is.

"He inhabits the hearts of millions," Ahmed Gaddaf al-Dam said, glancing at one of the pictures.

Gaddafi's overthrow and death six years ago reversed the fortunes of his clan and allies, who thrived under his patronage for more than four decades. Tens of thousands of his loyalists fled into exile when he was killed, many to neighboring Egypt. They have remained ever since, yearning for a role in shaping a new Libya.

With Gaddafi's sons wanted, in exile, in jail or dead, Gaddaf al-Dam has emerged as the main spokesman for the family and tribe. He represents the hopes of Libyans who once had privileged

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Debating suitability of cellphone use in lower grades

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From left, Jack Doyle, Ryan Ward, Aiden Franz and Gray Rager use their phones on the one day a week they are allowed to during lunch at Bethesda's Westland Middle School.

Montgomery County is relaxing rules, sparking some objections

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE

It's been a long time since mobile phones arrived in the nation's schools, but educators are still grappling with what to do about them.

Should they be allowed in elementary schools? What about middle-schoolers using them at lunch? Which limits make the most sense for devices so ubiquitous?

What has become a more settled matter for high school students is sparking questions and controversy in lower grades, some two decades after mobile phones became an inescapable part of the cultural landscape.

The debate has emerged in Maryland's biggest school system — in suburban Montgomery County — where some of the rules have been relaxed in recent months.

It used to be that students through fifth grade could carry cellphones only with special

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